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QRP-L Digest 2559

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Date: Fri, 17 May 2002 17:54:33 -0600
From: "James R. Duffey" <jamesd1@flash.net>
To: David Heintzleman <pstrdave@kdsi.net>
Cc: qrp-l <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126835] Re: Lattin Band Antenna
Message-ID: <B90AF459.1542D%jamesd1@flash.net>
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Dave - Sorry about the delay in answering your query, but with two daughters graduating less than a week apart, and one having an 18th birthday, things have been a bit hectic around here.

The Mor-Gain antenna, sold for years in small display ads in the back of ham magazines, is not a Lattin antenna. It is a multiband antenna made from parallel dipoles with the largest element folded back on itself. Thus the antenna can fit in half the space of a normal antenna as advertised.

Unfortunately the folded back portion of the antenna carries current flowing in the opposite direction of the unfolded portion of the antenna. The result is the fields generated by the two portions of the antenna cancel, resulting in less gain for the Mor-Gain antenna than a conventional antenna. The radiation resistance also drops resulting in poorer efficiency.

I hope that this helps. Dr. Megacycle KK6MC/5

James Duffey
Cedar Crest, NM DM65

Date: Fri, 17 May 2002 17:01:59 -0700
From: Russ Carpenter <russ@natworld.com>
To: QRP-L List <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126836] Results of the May Spartan Sprint
Message-ID: <B90AE806.ECC7%russ@natworld.com>
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Conditions for the May Spartan Sprint were fairly nasty in many parts of the country. That seems to have cut down on contest activity and the number of logs submitted. In addition, your contest manager was wandering around in the Himalayas and thus was unable to send the usual monthly email reminder.

In June, ARS' staff will be back in action, and the June Spartan Sprint should be a stunner.

Each contact received one point. If you did not report the weight of your station, or if your station weighed more than your backpack at the end of a 15 mile hike, we assigned a weight of 30 pounds. The soapbox will be published separately in the June issue of the ARS Sojourner.

THE SKINNY DIVISION (results sorted in order of points per pound)

Call	Name	80m	40m	20m	15m	10m	Total Points	Wt.	Points/ Pound
K0EVZ	Doc	0	0	51	0	0	51	1.02	50.00
K7RE	Brian	0	10	40	0	0	50	2.2	22.73
N0SZZ	Gary	0	0	55	0	0	55	2.56	21.48
K9DC	Dave	0	17	16	0	0	33	2	16.50
W0CH	David	0	0	16	0	0	16	1.12	14.29
WA7SPY	Glenn	0	14	12	0	0	26	2	13.00
W6ZH	Pete	0	14	14	2	0	30	2.45	12.24

KB7MBI	Alan	0	2	14	2	0	18	2.4	7.50
N7CEE	Bruce	0	2	13	0	0	15	2.2	6.82
KB9LCK	Chris	0	0	12	0	0	12	1.8	6.67
K3TW	Tom	0	0	16	0	0	16	2.5	6.40
K0BFT	Jim	0	0	15	0	0	15	3	5.00
KH6B	Dean	0	0	15	7	0	22	4.5	4.89
AD6YU	Loren	0	0	4	0	0	4	.82	4.88
W7SST	Mike	0	0	4	0	0	4	.84	4.76
N3AO	Carter	0	16	9	3	0	28	6	4.67
K5HWT	Morg	0	0	13	0	0	13	3	4.33
K06Z	Herb	0	7	6	0	0	13	3.5	3.71
N9AVG	Jeff	0	8	8	0	0	16	4.5	3.56
KI0II	Ron	0	0	6	4	0	10	3.5	2.86
W1PID	Jim	0	2	4	0	0	6	2.2	2.73
N8WE	Glen	0	0	9	0	0	9	3.5	2.57
N9WW	Jim	0	8	6	0	0	14	5.5	2.55
KW4JS	John	1	5	10	0	0	16	7	2.29
K6PZB	John	0	1	9	0	0	10	5	2.00
NQ7X	Floyd	0	0	5	0	0	5	2.6	1.92
WA9TZE	Jim	1	19	37	0	0	57	30	1.90
WA4CIT	Randy	0	6	11	6	0	23	15	1.53
AD4J	Jim	0	12	27	0	0	39	30	1.30
K5JHP	Bill	0	12	16	0	0	28	22	1.27
KG7GA	Garth	0	0	22	0	0	22	20	1.10
N4DMI	Waltere	0	0	15	0	0	15	19	0.79
WV9N	Randy	0	8	8	0	0	16	30	0.53
WF6D	Bill	0	3	3	1	0	7	30	0.23
G0TYM	Tim	0	0	6	0	0	6	30	0.20

THE TUBBY DIVISION (results sorted in order of points)

Call	Name	80m	40m	20m	15m	10m	Total Points
WA9TZE	Jim	1	19	37	0	0	57
N0SZZ	Gary	0	0	55	0	0	55
K0EVZ	Doc	0	0	51	0	0	51
K7RE	Brian	0	10	40	0	0	50
AD4J	Jim	0	12	27	0	0	39
K9DC	Dave	0	17	16	0	0	33
W6ZH	Pete	0	14	14	2	0	30
N3AO	Carter	0	16	9	3	0	28
K5JHP	Bill	0	12	16	0	0	28
WA7SPY	Glenn	0	14	12	0	0	26
WA4CIT	Randy	0	6	11	6	0	23
KG7GA	Garth	0	0	22	0	0	22
KH6B	Dean	0	0	15	7	0	22

KB7MBI	Alan	0	2	14	2	0	18
KW4JS	John	1	5	10	0	0	16
N9AVG	Jeff	0	8	8	0	0	16
W0CH	David	0	0	16	0	0	16
WV9N	Randy	0	8	8	0	0	16
K3TW	Tom	0	0	16	0	0	16
N4DMI	Waltere	0	0	15	0	0	15
N7CEE	Bruce	0	2	13	0	0	15
K0BFT	Jim	0	0	15	0	0	15
N9WW	Jim	0	8	6	0	0	14
K06Z	Herb	0	7	6	0	0	13
K5HWT	Morg	0	0	13	0	0	13
KB9LCK	Chris	0	0	12	0	0	12
K6PZB	John	0	1	9	0	0	10
KI0II	Ron	0	0	6	4	0	10
N8WE	Glen	0	0	9	0	0	9
WF6D	Bill	0	3	3	1	0	7
W1PID	Jim	0	2	4	0	0	6
G0TYM	Tim	0	0	6	0	0	6
NQ7X	Floyd	0	0	5	0	0	5
AD6YU	Loren	0	0	4	0	0	4
W7SST	Mike	0	0	4	0	0	4

Thanks for supporting ARS!

Russ Carpenter, AA7QU
Contest Manager

Date: Fri, 17 May 2002 17:02:39 -0700
From: Russ Carpenter <russ@natworld.com>
To: QRP-L List <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126837] Results of the April Spartan Sprint
Message-ID: <B90AE82F.ECC8%russ@natworld.com>
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Your contest manager flew the coop in April and May. Before he left, he did a smart thing and a dumb thing.

Smart thing: change the CGI code in the ARS Sojourner to direct the Spartan logs to KI6SN's mailbox

Dumb thing: fail to ask KI6SN if there was anything weird about said box

Well, it turned out that the mailbox filled up immediately, and began overwriting previously filed logs. That is why we have a such a paltry number of logs to report for the April sprint.

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N4BP	Bob	0	0	70	0	0	70	.69	101.45
K0EVZ	Doc	0	0	59	0	0	59	1.02	57.84
VE3SMA	Steve	0	11	0	0	0	11	.29	37.93
N3AO	Carter	0	24	9	0	0	33	6	5.50
K4GT	Jim	0	0	11	0	0	11	2	5.50
K0BFT	Jim	0	0	11	0	0	11	2	5.50
W2BVH	Lenny	6	10	10	1	0	27	7	3.86
NC7X	Dave	6	42	48	10	0	106	30	3.53
KQ6NO	Rick	0	3	3	0	0	6	2.31	2.60
W1PID	Jim	0	9	8	0	0	17	7	2.43
K3TW	Tom	9	36	15	0	0	60	30	2.00
AA8SN	Hope	0	0	59	0	0	59	30	1.97
WA8ZBT	Dennis	0	7	34	12	0	53	30	1.77
KA8LLE	Ben	5	9	8	1	10	33	28	1.18
W5USJ	Chuck	0	6	13	0	0	19	30	0.63
NG8S	Marie	0	7	8	0	0	15	30	0.50
K7QO	Chuck	0	0	5	0	0	5	14.5	0.34
KL7RHJ	William	0	0	10	0	0	10	30	0.33
KI7N	Mark	0	0	1	7	0	8	25	0.32
WD3P	Larry	0	1	5	0	0	6	30	0.20

THE TUBBY DIVISION (results sorted in order of points)

Call	Name	80m	40m	20m	15m	10m	Total Points
NC7X	Dave	6	42	48	10	0	106
N4BP	Bob	0	0	70	0	0	70
K3TW	Tom	9	36	15	0	0	60
AA8SN	Hope	0	0	59	0	0	59
K0EVZ	Doc	0	0	59	0	0	59
WA8ZBT	Dennis	0	7	34	12	0	53

N3AO	Carter	0	24	9	0	0	33
KA8LLE	Ben	5	9	8	1	10	33
W2BVH	Lenny	6	10	10	1	0	27
W5USJ	Chuck	0	6	13	0	0	19
W1PID	Jim	0	9	8	0	0	17
NG8S	Marie	0	7	8	0	0	15
K4GT	Jim	0	0	11	0	0	11
VE3SMA	Steve	0	11	0	0	0	11
K0BFT	Jim	0	0	11	0	0	11
KL7RHJ	William	0	0	10	0	0	10
KI7N	Mark	0	0	1	7	0	8
WD3P	Larry	0	1	5	0	0	6
KQ6NO	Rick	0	3	3	0	0	6
K7QO	Chuck	0	0	5	0	0	5

Thanks for supporting ARS!

Russ Carpenter, AA7QU
Contest Manager

Date: Fri, 17 May 2002 20:50:22 -0400
 From: geoff allsup <gallsup@whoi.edu>
 To: kd1jv@moose.ncia.net
 Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
 Subject: [126838] Re: NorCal BLT
 Message-ID: <3CE5A54E.950CDF92@whoi.edu>
 MIME-Version: 1.0
 Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
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Steven Weber wrote:

>
 > I stopped by the PO this morning and low and behold, my BLT had arrived! Of
 > course, I immediately sat down and built it. Pretty nice kit. Love the
 > clear plastic cover for the pcb box :-) If you haven't already ordered one
 > of these, I'd recommend you do so while some are still available.
 >
 > For those that haven't built thiers yet, here's a few tips I found. When
 > you build the pcb box, leave off the side panel on the side where the SWR
 > bridge is built. This makes it easier to get in there with a soldering iron
 > while your attaching wires.
 >
 > I made a mistake and mounted the front panel up side down, which turned out

> to be a good mistake. The instructions show the led mounted below the
> "operate/SWR" switch and I put the front panel on so the led is above the
> switch. This I believe makes it easier to see the led. It also allowed me to
> mount the resistors for the SWR bridge directly on, and hanging off the
> switch, rather than building the bridge "Manhattan style". Mounting the
> resistors directly on the switch reduces the lead length significantly and
> is bound to improve it's operation at higher frequencies.
>

Well, I guess I made the same mistake too, then :-). My LED is ABOVE the
switch also; thought it was supposed to be that way!

Another construction note: didn't bother with the screws to hold the
plastic cover on; those big rubber bands on fresh vegetables at the
grocery store are perfect (and easy to pull the cover off and dig around
inside when you're convinced you've done something wrong the first time
you try to tune up on 15 M (kinda sharp tuning on higher bands!))

72,
geoff
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Date: Fri, 17 May 2002 18:46:23 -0600
From: jaywa5whn@juno.com
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Cc: wa5whn@arrl.net, w5bi@arrl.net, w5yej@arrl.net
Subject: [126839] Ft. Tuthill 2002
Message-ID: <20020517.184627.-181739.0.jaywa5whn@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

After all of you who are attending www.hamvention.org return with your
new goodies,
and your thoughts turn to the upcoming Field Day;
<http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/fd/>

There are some of us already composing a wish list in anticipation of Ft.
Tuthill

<http://www.arca-az.org/arca/docs/convention.htm>

A trip down memory lane, circa '00
<http://www.fix.net/jparker/norcal/fttuthill/2000/tuthillrpt.htm>

I would suggest that you periodically scan Uncle Bob's web page

<http://www.extremezone.com/~nk7m/>

for details about the upcoming Ft. Tuthill, AZ QRP campground &
AZ ARRL Hamfest.

What do Paul Revere, Mel Gibson and the Ft. Tuthill QRP campground all
have in common in '02?

72 ...Jay wa5whn@arrl.net

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Date: Fri, 17 May 2002 18:06:51 -0700

From: "K7FD N7SG" <k7fd@hotmail.com>

To: elecrafft@mailman.qth.net

Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU

Subject: [126840] WA9PWP/8 at Dayton...

Message-ID: <F84C0RoeNIiJg52jvaZ000002c86@hotmail.com>

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Just worked Paul from the 'qrp motel' near the Hamvention where he was using
his K1 and an end-fed wire poked out the window. He was just on his way
downstairs to take in 'vendor night'. Says it's raining and 46F...but better
weather is in the forecast.

73 John K7FD, K2/586

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Date: Fri, 17 May 2002 18:10:13 -0700
From: "K7FD N7SG" <k7fd@hotmail.com>
To: elecrafft@mailman.qth.net
Cc: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [126841] on 14.060MHz I might add...
Message-ID: <F1397XIA9vkJbTtvNsa000018ef@hotmail.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
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Paul WA9PWP/8 was on 20 meters at 0110Z by the way...

...if you are interested in catching him while portable.

73 John K7FD

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<http://photos.msn.com/support/worldwide.aspx>

Date: Fri, 17 May 2002 19:13:01 -0600
From: "Steve/n0tu" <n0tu@codenet.net>
To: "QRP-L" <QRP-L@lehigh.edu>, <skydive@usa.net>
Subject: [126842] Re: DROP TESTING: K1Touch Up paint needed
Message-ID: <005b01c1fe09\$28329950\$6a211d82@agilent.com>
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Wow, I've heard of many ways ham OPs have made QSOs but sky diving portable is a new one for sure! Tell us more about ur experience!

Were ur contacts CW or SSB?? I can imagine pounding out ...CQ CQ de WB8CAC/"sky diving portable" at 10 feet per second on CW. But if you were on SSB the wind noise must have been unreal! Please give us more details this is truly an amazing feat and one of the most unusual places I've heard of to make QSOs from. How much fall time do u have to mess w/radio during the dive. What kind of antenna? What bands were you on?

Needless to say this speaks very highly of the K1 to survive a HUGE drop

test like this and keep on ticking, wow!! To bad you didn't have a jump partner who took a photo it'd make a great add in QST for the K1
.....Steve/n0tu

----- Original Message -----

From: "BOB MASON" <skydive@usa.net>

To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Sent: Friday, May 17, 2002 2:03 PM

Subject: DROP TESTING: K1Touch Up paint needed

> I may have mentioned that the K1 has been going skydiving with me. After
> parachute opening, I lower a 65ft hanging wire with a little weight and
have a

> couple minutes to try to make contacts (made several so far).

>

> Anyway, K1 #1150 probably now holds the record for drop survival (kinda)
it

> separated from my harness on parachute opening shock at roughly 3500 ft.
it

> took three hours to find it under the tree it went through.

>

> Damages:

>

> Shattered LCD, Tuning pot shaft broken off (took a looong time to find
the

> knob 30 feet away.) slight but noticable front panel bend. That's it.
The

> goofy thing still works. I have to tune using tweezers to grab the shaft
stub

> and have no idea what frequency I'm on, but it works!

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> I straightened the panel pretty well, but will have to order a new pot
and

> LCD.

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> Questions:

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> Anybody know of a steel shafted pot that might replace the plastic one?

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> Has anybody located a suitable touch-up paint for the cabinets??

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> Bob > K1 #1150, QRP-ARCI 11116, FISTS 6970, CP-35, SHOE SIZE 10 1/2

> <http://web.infoave.net/~masoste/wb8cac>

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Date: Fri, 17 May 2002 21:33:56 -0400
From: Follower of the Clawed Albino <windigo@stormwarning.org>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [126843] Re: Reasonable Accommodation
Message-ID: <5.1.0.14.2.20020517205915.00a571e0@pop.stormwarning.org>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

My two pence on the issue:

I personally hope the CCR issue passes, because frankly this will decide if I can work on getting a ham ticket *now* or if I have to wait to get a house (which, with the state of CCRs, may be in the boonies and thus may be a very long time indeed).

I live in an apartment complex (NO flaming about "you could have chosen better"--the only stuff that is comparable in cost around here are trailer parks which are a full 45 minutes away from work, which *ALSO* are covenant restricted banning antennas; for that matter, so are practically *all* the new neighbourhoods, and around here even old houses are increasingly out of question due to being too expensive or being bought up by the local college which *also* bans antennas as part of their dorm agreement). I am also on somewhat of a limited income--I was laid off by my employer the month after 9/11 and have been unable to find a new job (even flipping burgers--the job market is quite literally so bad here that high schoolers are being told NOT to work at McDonalds but to go into volunteer service because there are simply no jobs to be had). My husband also got laid off, and makes around \$13/hr working around 30-40 hours a week. I also have problems with transportation which makes it even harder for me to get a job (I cannot drive, so QRPing in a field in a car is unfortunately NOT an option for me).

I largely wanted to get into ham radio and QRP in particular as the rigs are NOT terribly expensive (around \$200-300 for the more expensive SSB capable kits, as opposed to kilobucks for most rigs), QRP is a challenge, and (at least for the 2m aspect) I wanted to get into SKYWARN et al.

My apartment complex, along with all the other apartment complexes in town, ban practically all antennas aside from dish antennas (and even then, some of the requirements probably are in violation of federal law--like "nothing obvious, no permanent installation"). Yes, even little wire antennas.

Also, the size of my balcony is maybe 10ft by 15ft by 10ft (I live in a lower floor apartment, almost a *subterranean* apartment, no, I did not

have a heck of a lot of choice in the matter), so I cannot exactly put up anything more than a restricted space magnetic loop antenna of some sort or a carpet-loop or broomstick-special type of antenna.

As is, about the only way any type of radio is listenable (even television--I don't subscribe to cable, don't watch TV enough) is to put up a broomstick or carpet loop or (for scanners/6m and below listening) a groundplane antenna right against the window, or (with TVs) install an amplified antenna which works less than well (the main antenna broke and the complex is less than willing to fix this, as 98% of the folks here have cable), or find some way to disguise these antennas as a birdfeeder and hope the mess a) won't be taller than 10ft and b) won't get me in trouble with apartment management.

I would gladly move somewhere more amenable to ham radio work if a) I had the cash, b) I could find a bloody *job*, c) if almost all new housing in this area wasn't being converted to CC&R hell clear to Frankfort, KY (which is maybe fifty miles from Louisville), d) if trailer parks hadn't been pretty much legislated and zoned out of existence in Jefferson County, e) if all the trailer parks didn't have CC&Rs *themselves*, and f) if the non-CC&R housing was not in what me and hubby delicately joke about as "if we win the lottery or if both of us get *good* jobs, because we'll need it to pay for the gas at least" pricing range :P

As it is, unless CC&Rs end up being overturned by Congress, I am going to be lucky to be able to do QRP work at *all* (Field Day is out, as hubby works on Saturday so we don't end up in a homeless shelter or shacking up with his parents (who live in a CC&R neighbourhood, go figure); outdoor antennas are out so it'll be a minor miracle to rig up an antenna at *all* for me to get out even for microwatt work)--yes, sometimes those CC&Rs can keep people from getting into the hobby at all. About my only chance is to get involved with REACT which tends to focus more on CB radio work (if I wanted to get into CB, I'd buy me one, or have my dad the CB nut outright GIVE me one).

Which really sucks, because I want to get into the hobby. I'd also be willing to bet that this CC&R stuff actually keeps people in young families, the vast majority of kids who'd be interested in QRP (if for no other reason than they can build their own radios), and the rather non-substantial population of tech geeks who'd be interested in ham radio from getting into the hobby. (Yes, a lot of us geeks that one thinks live on the Internet are also ham radio fans and/or operators. I know of someone who worked in an ISP who participated heavily in ARTS (Louisville's amateur radio society) and in the QRP interest group at that, and I know of another person in my complex who is a fellow geek, good friend of mine, and who is also interested in getting into ham radio (he's an EE geek :). So the line "Kids just aren't interested" doesn't always apply.)

There's also probably a lot of other folks in similar situations (folks in HUD/Section 8 housing (of which a lot of Section 8 around here is rather nice apartments) because they are older and/or disabled, who might not be able to get around too much, who because of no fault of their own can't really afford to move out, might be able to afford a smallish QRP transceiver like the discontinued SW-40 kits, but can't put up an outside antenna because of pesky CC&R regs) that are flat out shut out of ham radio because of this. (And a lot of them would not terribly mind getting into it, if for no other reason than to have something to do and not be so lonely. Charities give out computers to these folks so they can get on the Internet, assuming their phone lines aren't cruddy as heck, so they can have someone to talk to. A number of them would also happily get into ham radio if they just had the equipment, training, and the ability to string out a bit of wire to talk to the world without the apartment manager attempting to crucify them for it)

Ah well...enough of my rant. Y'all will prolly think I'm just a complaining old, broke, kid. Just the "tough luck" thing doesn't always work...sometimes people really don't choose to be in a covenant restricted area, and (more important) there are a lot of folks who hear about ham radio, think it's neat, but can't start to get involved because they'd be pilloried for putting up an outdoor antenna and figure it's too much trouble :P

-wtf (nyar!)

who WILL be getting my ticket, if a) I can ever move out or b) the congresscritters can be convinced to overturn CC&Rs so I can convince yon apartment manager to "please let me put up a modest, 3ft diameter magnetic loop antenna and a modest 23 inch tall groundplane--it'll look just like a flower hanger, you won't even notice it--so I can participate in homeland security and can keep the public warned in case a tornado or something comes through, I'm 4F, let me serve my country somehow" :)

Date: Fri, 17 May 2002 21:59:39 -0400
From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
To: <windigo@stormwarning.org>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126844] Re: Reasonable Accommodation
Message-ID: <006501c1fe0f\$acdcca80\$0200a8c0@charter.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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from an apartment? Even if the deed restriction is overturned, there is more than likely no way at all ANY conceivable application of a ruling in that area would EVER apply to an apartment complex and allow you to install an antenna. What do you really expect to happen? Have the apartment complex magically and suddenly offer to put up a 5-band beam with a rotor?

People, this is EXACTLY the attitude that is detrimental to HAM radio and it's interaction with the non-HAM public.

But let's say it DID apply, in some wild fantasy. You'd use something like this to force an antenna to be allowed to be put up.

I'm sorry, this offends me.

Besides, you can BET YOUR YOU KNOW WHAT that if it came to it, you would be CHARGED! Well, you're taking up more space, right? What if 5 residents want to put antennas up, who gets to do it? A lottery? Or rental of space!

You can put up an antenna right now that won't offend anyone. You can do it so that they won't know, be on the air, and not upset anyone. Heck, I operated for years from 'stealth' sites. Even at power levels to 75w, hardly QRP. (OK, I DID destroy one guys stereo, but that's another story...)

What could you do? Well, get one of those fiberglass fishing poles and set it on your porch as a St Louis Verticle. Disguise it by putting a decorative wind sock on the top. Or, a shorter pole. Set it so that it has a small thistle seed feeder on the top for finches. Why such a long pole the neighbors ask? You're want to make sure the birds are away from everything...

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Hey, if the spouting on the building is metal, just attach to it and tune it up.

I did that for a few months when I lived in Texas in an apartment. If it's vinyl, get to the roof, go to the end and tie the end of a wire to one of the supports and lay it along the whole top edge of the roof in the gutter. Then at the down spout, drop the wire so it comes out the bottom. If you want to be very stealthy, cut it off just about a 1/4" short of showing. Then when you want to use it, drop a coax to it with an alligator clip and attach to it.

Tune up and get on the air. When you're done, you don't even have to go back out, just pull the coax in.

Come on here people, what is the problem? This is QRP? And while I'm one of the probably not so civil arguers about there being many facets to QRP operation, I HOPE we all haven't lost our antenna skills! Or have we?

This doesn't have to be an argument. Just do it. Quietly. Remember the old saying...

If you may not like the answer, don't ask the question.

So, be quiet and just do it. And if you do get caught, be polite, apologize, and from then forward for a while be totally indoors. Hey, remember that the first demo of the K2 at ARRL headquarters was with a BACK OF SET ANTENNA! So why all the whining about what an apartment will or won't allow?

Mike

Date: Fri, 17 May 2002 21:40:47 -0500
From: Pat Cain <pcain@ix.netcom.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [126845] Re: WA9PWP/8 at Dayton...
Message-ID: <4.2.0.58.20020517213741.00995b10@mail.mchsi.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"; format=flowed
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

I don't know if Paul ever got down to Vendor Nite. I worked him about=20
0115Z. He had a great signal into MN, I was QRP mobile with a 706 and a=20
102" whip. He was signing WA9PWP/8/QRP/DAYTON, covering all the bases.

Have fun in Dayton you guys!

73,
Pat K=D8PC

At 06:06 PM 5/17/02 -0700, K7FD N7SG wrote:

>Just worked Paul from the 'qrp motel' near the Hamvention where he was=20
>using his K1 and an end-fed wire poked out the window. He was just on his=
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>way downstairs to take in 'vendor night'. Says it's raining and 46F...but=
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>better weather is in the forecast.

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>73 John K7FD, K2/586

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>Join the world s largest e-mail service with MSN Hotmail.=20
><http://www.hotmail.com>

Date: Fri, 17 May 2002 21:50:34 -0700
From: Conrad Weiss <radman@best.com>
To: "'Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion'" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126846] New Yaesu FT-897 xcvr w/ internal batt !!
Message-ID: <01C1FDEC.E00DE240@209-162-49-67.thegrid.net>

This just in from Dayton...

Yaesu unveils their new FT-897 transceiver - a "field portable rig."
Frequency range: 160-10m + WARC/6 m/2 m/70 cm - all modes.
0-100watts: externally powered
0-20watts: w/ **internal** 9+AH battery (probably LiOn) "field power"
Size: 7.9" x 2.4" x 9" - about the size of a K2
Weight: 2 Kg - about the weight of a K2 w/ internal batt.
Display: multi-color "rainbow" LCD display (say what?)
Collins mechanical filters, SSB 2.3 kHz, CW 500 Hz
Built-in DSP
Minimum RX current - no official word as yet.
Internal ATU -- no word as yet - possibly uses the ATAS Antenna system.
Pictures: Prototype pics from the JA Product Fair at URL:

<http://www.onjapan.net/2001/hamfair/yaesu.html>

Tnx to Pres Waterman, W2PW... moderator of the FT817 group for contributing to this report from the exhibit floor.

And now, as always, we silently await the ****only**** number that counts on QRP-L - minimum RX current! I'll letcha know when/if I learn of it....

Nite all,

Conrad Weiss
NN6CW

Date: Sat, 18 May 2002 00:48:33 -0400
From: Follower of the Clawed Albino <windigo@stormwarning.org>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [126847] Re: Reasonable Accommodation
Message-ID: <5.1.0.14.2.20020518004831.00a59ba0@pop.stormwarning.org>
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>rotor?

No, I'm ***not*** expecting them to allow me to put up a 5-band beam, nor would I expect them to.

I also would ***not*** like to be thrown out for setting up a ***small*** mag-loop, or even an external wire antenna, which I technically ***can*** be for violating the terms of my lease (whilst my neighbour can set up three minidish antennas--and yes, I literally have a neighbour with ***THREE*** minidish antennas for each of the three televisions they have) which would take up ***less*** room, and can actually be made more asthetically pleasing (you could disguise a small magloop as a planter box for a garden, or a

hanger for windchimes) than the three DishTV units.

The *only* reason he is allowed to have those minidishes, by the way, is because of an exemption that *specifically* applies to television reception--basically an apartment complex *cannot* prevent you from putting up an outdoor antenna to receive TV as long as you keep it reasonable (nobody expects that they'd allow someone to put up a "big dish" antenna on an apartment balcony, which is the rough equivalent of what you are proposing!). (Yes, I lived in an apartment complex that even banned TV antennas until one of the residents informed them of the federal reg in question. That one *had* no outside aerials--until the "tv antenna exemption" was brought up, you either got cable, had an amplified antenna and hoped the signal could get through the shielding, or did without)

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>everything...

Again, this is assuming one doesn't have nosy neighbours that decide to report one to the apartment managers. (Yes, such things do exist.)

This is assuming someone from the maintenance department doesn't decide to whinge.

This is assuming the apartment management itself doesn't notice the thing when it's taking people on tours through the apartments to see if one wants to rent (our apartment complex does do this; in fact, when we were first moving in we were told to move our boxes we had our stuff in out of sight of the windows so it wouldn't "clutter up" things--I promise you, if they noticed a moving box through six inches of windowshade, they WILL notice a hamstick).

Nobody is asking to put up the Mega-Beam of Doom. I think ANYONE who is sane agrees a big beam is in fact Not Feasible and Not Reasonable for an apartment.

What I think people ARE asking for is to not be *kicked out* when the apartment manager or homeowners association or whatnot discovers one's

stealth antenna (yes, people have been kicked out and have had liens put on property making it almost impossible to buy a new home because "stealth antennas" have been discovered; yes, I have read the reports, yes, I do monitor the groups that tell how to make stealth antennas).

What they are asking for is permission to put up an antenna--which would be less intrusive than those DishTV units--WITHOUT fear of being kicked out of their homes because a nosy neighbour (or for that matter, neighbour's kids who are upset because they think you were the ones who called the cops on them for having the loud and noisy party at 3am--or the neighbours who are dealing drugs next door and having the loud party [the reason I moved out of my *last* complex is that we had a succession of *five* people living next door to us busted for drugs, one with a federal warrant on him for weapons violations and running a meth lab; right now I have next door neighbours who are regularly having the cops called out here because they are getting into LOUD domestic disturbances]).

(I am familiar with how nosy neighbours, or even people with just a bee up their bonnet, get even OUTSIDE of a homeowner's association. I had my misadventure with the manager over my moving boxes; my father got into a disagreement with his neighbour re property boundaries and a tree overhanging dangerously, and the neighbour called the county health department to make my father clean some lawn care tools off his carport (quoting an obscure city ordinance prohibiting lawn equipment being out, which is EXTREMELY rarely enforced) in a tiff to get back at him. It is NOT a stretch to see this happen even if one DOES try to keep good relations with one's neighbours, which I do.)

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>small (hobby) pulley up there, and have a small piece of twine come down
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Again, this is assuming that one can get access to the roof. (I could not get access to the roof even at my last apartment when I lived on the top floor; I cannot get access there now, otherwise I'd have already replaced the broken main TV antenna :P)

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Again, assuming they allow you to put up flagpoles. (The restrictions on both apartments I have lived at, if taken strictly, ban not only flagpoles, but pole-mounted bird feeders and pretty much *anything* pole-mounted. It was not as strictly enforced at my old place, but at the new apartments,

they allow Dish TV setups but *not* flagpoles. It is in question whether even a pole-mounted bird feeder would be permissible, but one is less likely to be busted for that; in fact, the antennas I would put up would be small bird-feeder antenna types, or using a magloop as a "handle" for a potted plant (lil' magloop, with a big pot of spider-plants in the middle--everyone likes spider-plants :) or a boxloop as a "frame" for a small patio garden.)

Some places quite literally frown on putting anything but chairs on one's balcony (birdfeeders, I can get by with by pulling out a National Audubon Society membership card and stating I'm setting up a "backyard habitat" :), but I do know folks who aren't even allowed to set up birdfeeders).

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Again, there's that whole problem with "roof access"--not everyone has it. (Otherwise, I'd be doing this.)

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I myself like the idea of stealth operation as much as the next guy. (Heck, I think it's a good idea for most people, to be honest :)

The problem comes when the nosy neighbour (or apartment maintenance person) discovers that wire, or worse yet, discovers you laying out that wire...and decides to report you to the homeowner's association (or apartment manager) who points out the little rule about "no antennas save DishTV units" and (if they're *nice* about it) warns you that if you are caught doing this again, you will at the least forfeit the lease or have a lien put against your home until you get rid of the accursed wire. (If they're *not* nice, they'll give you 2 weeks to get out. AND you forfeit everything you've put

in to pay for living there, house or apartment. AND they might make you pay extra because you *dared* go against their authority.)

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Again, this is assuming if you get caught that they *give* you the chance to apologise. Some homeowners' associations, and some apartment managers, are *not* giving second chances, and if they find the wire, you'll be operating QRP from the local homeless shelter because they will *evict* you, or put a lien on your home so that when you do move you'll be penniless, or they will fine you into pennilessness.

If it were a matter of being apologetic and operating indoor until they looked the other way, then people wouldn't be fighting for laws like this. It's kinda sad when one's living-quarters' managers attempts to make one homeless or bankrupt one for practicing one's hobby.

And yes, this has *even* happened to QRP operators and even QRP operators operating stealth*.

More to the point, the proliferation of CC&Rs and restrictive lease agreements is hurting the hobby, because in some areas it is increasingly difficult, if not impossible, to operate at all. (Yes, you can move. That nine-year-old kid who wants to get into ham radio and has the misfortune of living in an apartment--and trust me, with the firewalls they use nowadays, sometimes apartments are almost Faraday cages; I have to put my antennas against the window to hear *anything*, and yes, that includes an amplified TV antenna!--and would probably be a boon to the QRP hobby except he doesn't have a car to go out to the country, and can't even put up a wire without him AND his parents out in the street--he doesn't have that option.)

I think I can truthfully say that if I lived in a modern apartment or CC&R restricted community as a young'un I'd probably be less interested in ham radio now, simply because I couldn't put out a small, subtle longwire out to a tree or to the ground and hear the world, whereas I could as a kid because I *could* put out a small longwire. I'd give my eyeteeth to be able to put out that longwire again to the pine tree just outside my house, or even a bird-feeder antenna. I may well get down and do it if I see

other pole-mounted birdfeeders and stand a reasonable chance of getting away with it.

However, I can't risk not having a place to live. Which, if I were to be evicted because of this, would be exactly what would happen :P And too many other folks are in that situation.

(I suspect many folks on the list ARE in homes, in non-CC&R communities, rather than renting (homes or apartments) or stuck in CC&R communities (and just because you aren't in one now, doesn't mean you won't be; there have been cases of subdivisions bought out by investment groups, and hams who have had their antennas for 20+ years finding they aren't even allowed a longwire because the boilerplate agreement bans all antennas except for TV beams and DishTV units). Trust me, if you had to live in such a situation because you couldn't *afford* to live in a non-CC&R community, you'd be singing halleluyahs because this law would mean they wouldn't kick you out over the drainpipe longwire that the maintenance person found leading to your apartment.)

>Mike

-wtf (nyar!)

(And no, I don't take what you said as a flame. Trust me, I've seen far worse :)

Date: Fri, 17 May 2002 22:36:24 -0700
From: Conrad Weiss <radman@best.com>
To: "'Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion'" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126848] FT-817 down-priced to rumored \$499...
Message-ID: <01C1FDF3.47162B40@209-162-49-67.thegrid.net>

This just in...

[The Dayton Rumor Mill]

Vigorous JA down-pricing takes the FT817 below the \$500 mark at Dayton, amidst a flurry of "price wars" at the main exhibit.

ICOM counters with IC-718 pricing below the \$500 mark w/ free DSP module.

Kenwood's venerable TS-50(S) headed for extinction? Kenwood dealers say, yes! Kenwood says, no! Rumored...too costly to build!

Ten-Tec debuts it's \$800 'born-again' Argo DSP 516 - but will it receive the NOAA weather band ;)?

More tomorrow...wow, it's a jungle out there....!!

Nite all,

Conrad Weiss
NN6CW

Date: Fri, 17 May 2002 23:53:42 -0700
From: Mighty Mik <mightymik2@attbi.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126849] Re: New Yaesu FT-897 xcvr w/ internal batt !!
Message-ID: <5.1.0.14.0.20020517235220.027953d0@mail.attbi.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
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and the ***other*** number...price. :)

Date: Sat, 18 May 2002 04:02:27 -0500
From: "Hal" <kc0bdw2@hotmail.com>
To: "Qrp-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126850] Qrp-plus
Message-ID: <000001c1fe4a\$bb895860\$802f0d44@mine>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;

charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I have a Qrp-plus and the tuning knob seems to wobble. Does anyone have the same problem and if so how was it corrected? The knob is secure.

Hal Schlotfeld
KC0BDW

Date: Sat, 18 May 2002 10:51:13 +0000
From: kb1dxc <kb1dxc@discovernet.net>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [126851] Re: Reasonable Accommodation, Thanks
Message-ID: <f05100300b90bdc67a213@[216.221.130.178]>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii" ; format="flowed"

Hello to All,

I want to thank everyone who has contributed to this thread. It has been quite an education for me to read all of these messages. I had no idea how widespread this problem is. Up to this point I have to consider myself lucky as far as restrictions and covenants go.

I have only been licensed since April, 1999, but have not had a problem putting up antennas. I do own my own home in a residential neighborhood here in Stamford, CT. I do not hear of problems up here. I suppose that there are condos and appartments that can be a problem, but I know of quite a few folks in our club that even have towers.

I am planning on retiring in slightly over 2 years and moving to another area of the country. All of this information is important to me as I do not want to deal with these issues. I know that I will have to investigate any home purchase very thoroughly before signing anything. I am hoping to find a new home with some acreage, perhaps 5 to 10 acres. There are issues besides Amateur radio influencing my choice of a future home, but the covenants and restrictions really have me nervous. From all I am hearing, it may cause me to be looking for quite a while before finding something suitable.

A retirement home will have a different take on things than a home for someone who has to live near a job. I truely feel for those that are caught up in this travesty. On the upside, I see an opportunity here for some enterprising developers near all large cities. Immagine how nice it would be if a few developments went up

without antenna restrictions and were advertised as Amateur Friendly. I have a feeling they would be a success and a win win situation for both sides, buyer and seller alike.

The real issue that I would like to have addressed is this. How the heck does one get the point across to a real estate person just what we want when most of them don't have the vaguest idea of the situation in which an Amateur can be placed. I can visualise being shown house after house, all of which have restrictions. It could be a total waste of time. I want the research done before I go out looking, not after I see something I like. If any of you folks have recently been on the buying side lately and can send me information on how to deal with the real estate folks in my future search it sure would be appreciated. Information that would help with the lawyers is also welcome. If you feel that it will bog down the reflector, I do not mind private replies.

Thanks again,
Michael
KB1DXC
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KB1DXC, Stamford, Ct.

Visit our club web site at:

<http://www.qsl.net/w1ee/ctsara.htm>

Our repeater is on 146.655, negative offset of 600 and a tone of 100

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From: "John Dorson" <jdorson@Worldshare.net>
To: <myetsko@insydesw.com>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126852] Re: Reasonable Accommodation
Message-ID: <001d01c1fe5f\$3e709b80\$e6ede143@atwork>
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John K2JHU..

Date: Sat, 18 May 2002 07:39:19 -0400
From: nilsbull@juno.com
To: QRP-L@lehigh.edu
Subject: [126853] Dayton, Saturday morning, Satellite Number Three
Message-ID: <20020518.073927.-367697.0.nilsbull@juno.com>
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Gang,

Well, it's sunny this morning at 7:30 local. It rained all day yesterday afternoon. Chuck & I stood under the awning of the hotel, talking about grass growin' in Arizona & other stuff. Then it kept on raining.

Today? Your goose is as good as mine. And I'm a pessimist . . . not always happy but sometimes surprised.

This time I got to the vendor's night deal in the grand ballroom of the palatial hotel scene. Many tables, many folks just hangin' around & some money changing hands. If the flea market ain't slid out to sea, I'll let you know about that too. One guy had some extruded aluminum case what'd be just the right size if I can find someone to build a radio for me . . . but that's another story.

Like I need another radio.

And then three Argonauts that I saw yesterday before the deluge? They was all on tables waitin' for buyers last night. The HW8 weren't there. But there was an HW9 what I missed.

Very interesting time. Details after I go to a colleague's retirement party tonight (different rubber chicken experience from the QRP banquet but same deal kinda.)

73

Nils

Nils R. Bull Young -- El Gringo Errante --
La Estancia de los Guajolotes Sonrientes -- W8IJN --
<http://w8ijn.tripod.com>
"The island is closer than your memories are." -- Ian G. Bull Young, 11
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From: "John Dorson" <jdorson@Worldshare.net>

To: <windigo@stormwarning.org>,

"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [126854] Re: Reasonable Accommodation

Message-ID: <005901c1fe60\$b2828be0\$e6ede143@atwork>

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Sent: Friday, May 17, 2002 9:33 PM

Subject: Re: Reasonable Accommodation

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> lower floor apartment, almost a *subterranean* apartment, no, I did not
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> anything more than a restricted space magnetic loop antenna of some sort
or

> a carpet-loop or broomstick-special type of antenna.

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> As is, about the only way any type of radio is listenable (even
> television--I don't subscribe to cable, don't watch TV enough) is to put
up

> a broomstick or carpet loop or (for scanners/6m and below listening) a
> groundplane antenna right against the window, or (with TVs) install an
> amplified antenna which works less than well (the main antenna broke and
> the complex is less than willing to fix this, as 98% of the folks here
have

> cable), or find some way to disguise these antennas as a birdfeeder and
> hope the mess a) won't be taller than 10ft and b) won't get me in trouble
> with apartment management.

>

> I would gladly move somewhere more amenable to ham radio work if a) I had
> the cash, b) I could find a bloody *job*, c) if almost all new housing in
> this area wasn't being converted to CC&R hell clear to Frankfort, KY
(which

> is maybe fifty miles from Louisville), d) if trailer parks hadn't been
> pretty much legislated and zoned out of existence in Jefferson County, e)
> if all the trailer parks didn't have CC&Rs *themselves*, and f) if the

> non-CC&R housing was not in what me and hubby delicately joke about as "if
> we win the lottery or if both of us get *good* jobs, because we'll need it
> to pay for the gas at least" pricing range :P
>
> As it is, unless CC&Rs end up being overturned by Congress, I am going to
> be lucky to be able to do QRP work at *all* (Field Day is out, as hubby
> works on Saturday so we don't end up in a homeless shelter or shacking up
> with his parents (who live in a CC&R neighbourhood, go figure); outdoor
> antennas are out so it'll be a minor miracle to rig up an antenna at *all*
> for me to get out even for microwatt work)--yes, sometimes those CC&Rs can
> keep people from getting into the hobby at all. About my only chance is
to
> get involved with REACT which tends to focus more on CB radio work (if I
> wanted to get into CB, I'd buy me one, or have my dad the CB nut outright
> GIVE me one).
>
> Which really sucks, because I want to get into the hobby. I'd also be
> willing to bet that this CC&R stuff actually keeps people in young
> families, the vast majority of kids who'd be interested in QRP (if for no
> other reason than they can build their own radios), and the rather
> non-substantial population of tech geeks who'd be interested in ham radio
> from getting into the hobby. (Yes, a lot of us geeks that one thinks live
> on the Internet are also ham radio fans and/or operators. I know of
> someone who worked in an ISP who participated heavily in ARTS
(Louisville's
> amateur radio society) and in the QRP interest group at that, and I know
of
> another person in my complex who is a fellow geek, good friend of mine,
and
> who is also interested in getting into ham radio (he's an EE geek :). So
> the line "Kids just aren't interested" doesn't always apply.)
>
> There's also probably a lot of other folks in similar situations (folks in
> HUD/Section 8 housing (of which a lot of Section 8 around here is rather
> nice apartments) because they are older and/or disabled, who might not be
> able to get around too much, who because of no fault of their own can't
> really afford to move out, might be able to afford a smallish QRP
> transceiver like the discontinued SW-40 kits, but can't put up an outside
> antenna because of pesky CC&R regs) that are flat out shut out of ham
radio
> because of this. (And a lot of them would not terribly mind getting into
> it, if for no other reason than to have something to do and not be so
> lonely. Charities give out computers to these folks so they can get on
the
> Internet, assuming their phone lines aren't cruddy as heck, so they can
> have someone to talk to. A number of them would also happily get into ham
> radio if they just had the equipment, training, and the ability to string
> out a bit of wire to talk to the world without the apartment manager

> attempting to crucify them for it)
>
> Ah well...enough of my rant. Y'all will prolly think I'm just a
> complaining old, broke, kid. Just the "tough luck" thing doesn't always
> work...sometimes people really don't choose to be in a covenant restricted
> area, and (more important) there are a lot of folks who hear about ham
> radio, think it's neat, but can't start to get involved because they'd be
> pilloried for putting up an outdoor antenna and figure it's too much
trouble :P
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> -wtf (nyar!)
> who WILL be getting my ticket, if a) I can ever move out or b) the
> congresscritters can be convinced to overturn CC&Rs so I can convince yon
> apartment manager to "please let me put up a modest, 3ft diameter magnetic
> loop antenna and a modest 23 inch tall groundplane--it'll look just like a
> flower hanger, you won't even notice it--so I can participate in homeland
> security and can keep the public warned in case a tornado or something
> comes through, I'm 4F, let me serve my country somehow" :)
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Date: Sat, 18 May 2002 08:26:17 -0400
From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
To: <radman@best.com>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126855] Re: New Yaesu FT-897 xcvr w/ internal batt !!
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Hey, NEAT link!! And not just for the 897 stuff.

Did you check out from the main page on that link? All the neat
photos?

And the Wind Powered 817?

I'm not a Yaesu person, so I wouldn't know, but from what I've seen
of the 817 I get a certain 'flavor', and from what I'm seeing of the 897
I get the same flavor. Even the 'three buttons' below the display kind
of thing. Is that now the standard Yaesu family trait?

Mike

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From: "Conrad Weiss" <radman@best.com>

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Date: Sat, 18 May 2002 08:31:37 -0400

From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>

To: <radman@best.com>,

"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>

Subject: [126856] Re: New Yaesu FT-897 xcvr w/ internal batt !!

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You know, if it has a 'field power' mode at 0-20W, it appears it can be dialed back even more. It'll be really nice to see what it can do when it comes to frugality of the power...

I wonder if it's a general coverage receiver? And how wide the VHF and UHF bands go? Ie, will it receive weather? While nice, wx on that radio wouldn't be as nice as on the 817. The 817 is a backpacker, and there you want the minimal weight with the coverage. This appears to be more of a 'pack it in' kind of radio, and while weight is always an issue with any kind of transport, the places you'd 'pack in' with a radio of this type it wouldn't be as detrimental to have the extra portion of a pound of a radio to cover wx.

Mike

----- Original Message -----

From: "Conrad Weiss" <radman@best.com>

To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Sent: Saturday, May 18, 2002 12:50 AM

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Date: Sat, 18 May 2002 08:47:01 -0400
From: W2AGN <w2agn@w2agn.net>
To: Mike Yetsko <myetsko@insydesw.com>,
Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126857] Re: New Yaesu FT-897 xcvr w/ internal batt !!
Message-ID: <0205180847010F.11392@jsielke>
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John L Sielke W2AGN
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Date: Sat, 18 May 2002 08:44:10 -0400
From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
To: <w2agn@w2agn.net>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126858] Re: New Yaesu FT-897 xcvr w/ internal batt !!
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Don't get me wrong, I like the 817. And if I wasn't laid off, I would have probably bought one to compliment my K2. (You can't ski very well with a K2 under your coat!) Although I STILL think Yaesu really missed out by not putting wx on it. (If it had had weather, I would have bought it the first time I saw it for \$659!) As I said, as a backpacker, it's a nice fit. But I still don't think it was 'designed' for that market, or it would have had wider VHF coverage.

However, if it's under \$500, and I go back to work soon....

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Nothing more or less than their perceived advantage in prohibiting the
antennas in the first place.

OK, how would you sell it? Well, people want to know, they want to
experience things. Why the popularity of the 'reality' shows? Of 'Cops',
for example? There's a lot of people that won't own scanners, but as
soon as something happens in their neighborhood, they call next door to
the guy with one! Or they'll listen to it when they're there.

Use it. When things are going on, make sure you're in the action, even
if just listening. And make sure you let other people know and invite
them
in. Like the gulf war, for instance, when you could get all kinds of
stuff
on HF. (I know, now that's tough since it's all satellite.) Or any other
'world events'. Don't try to play them up for something they aren't.
Just
be casual about it and make the open door offer, and some will accept.

Build the base slowly. And carefully! It may only take 1 or 2 converts to be able to get something done, as long as the rest stay 'don't care' kind of thing. Hey, this has to be as much 'political' and/or 'emotional' as it is 'practical'.

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To: jdorson@Worldshare.net, qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [126860] Re: Reasonable Accommodation
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Rick McKee, KC8AON
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QRP - Do more with less !

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>> As is, about the only way any type of radio is listenable (even
>> television--I don't subscribe to cable, don't watch TV enough) is to
>put
>up
>> a broomstick or carpet loop or (for scanners/6m and below listening)
>a
>> groundplane antenna right against the window, or (with TVs) install
>an
>> amplified antenna which works less than well (the main antenna broke
>and

>> the complex is less than willing to fix this, as 98% of the folks
>here
>have
>> cable), or find some way to disguise these antennas as a birdfeeder
>and
>> hope the mess a) won't be taller than 10ft and b) won't get me in
>trouble
>> with apartment management.
>>
>> I would gladly move somewhere more amenable to ham radio work if a)
>I had
>> the cash, b) I could find a bloody *job*, c) if almost all new
>housing in
>> this area wasn't being converted to CC&R hell clear to Frankfort, KY
>(which
>> is maybe fifty miles from Louisville), d) if trailer parks hadn't
>been
>> pretty much legislated and zoned out of existence in Jefferson
>County, e)
>> if all the trailer parks didn't have CC&Rs *themselves*, and f) if
>the
>> non-CC&R housing was not in what me and hubby delicately joke about
>as "if
>> we win the lottery or if both of us get *good* jobs, because we'll
>need it
>> to pay for the gas at least" pricing range :P
>>
>> As it is, unless CC&Rs end up being overturned by Congress, I am
>going to
>> be lucky to be able to do QRP work at *all* (Field Day is out, as
>hubby
>> works on Saturday so we don't end up in a homeless shelter or
>shacking up
>> with his parents (who live in a CC&R neighbourhood, go figure);
>outdoor
>> antennas are out so it'll be a minor miracle to rig up an antenna at
>*all*
>> for me to get out even for microwatt work)--yes, sometimes those
>CC&Rs can
>> keep people from getting into the hobby at all. About my only
>chance is
>to
>> get involved with REACT which tends to focus more on CB radio work
>(if I
>> wanted to get into CB, I'd buy me one, or have my dad the CB nut
>outright
>> GIVE me one).
>>

>> Which really sucks, because I want to get into the hobby. I'd also
>be
>> willing to bet that this CC&R stuff actually keeps people in young
>> families, the vast majority of kids who'd be interested in QRP (if
>for no
>> other reason than they can build their own radios), and the rather
>> non-substantial population of tech geeks who'd be interested in ham
>radio
>> from getting into the hobby. (Yes, a lot of us geeks that one
>thinks live
>> on the Internet are also ham radio fans and/or operators. I know of
>> someone who worked in an ISP who participated heavily in ARTS
>(Louisville's
>> amateur radio society) and in the QRP interest group at that, and I
>know
>of
>> another person in my complex who is a fellow geek, good friend of
>mine,
>and
>> who is also interested in getting into ham radio (he's an EE geek
>:). So
>> the line "Kids just aren't interested" doesn't always apply.)
>>
>> There's also probably a lot of other folks in similar situations
>(folks in
>> HUD/Section 8 housing (of which a lot of Section 8 around here is
>rather
>> nice apartments) because they are older and/or disabled, who might
>not be
>> able to get around too much, who because of no fault of their own
>can't
>> really afford to move out, might be able to afford a smallish QRP
>> transceiver like the discontinued SW-40 kits, but can't put up an
>outside
>> antenna because of pesky CC&R regs) that are flat out shut out of
>ham
>radio
>> because of this. (And a lot of them would not terribly mind getting
>into
>> it, if for no other reason than to have something to do and not be
>so
>> lonely. Charities give out computers to these folks so they can get
>on
>the
>> Internet, assuming their phone lines aren't cruddy as heck, so they
>can
>> have someone to talk to. A number of them would also happily get
>into ham

>> radio if they just had the equipment, training, and the ability to
>string
>> out a bit of wire to talk to the world without the apartment manager
>> attempting to crucify them for it)
>>
>> Ah well...enough of my rant. Y'all will prolly think I'm just a
>> complaining old, broke, kid. Just the "tough luck" thing doesn't
>always
>> work...sometimes people really don't choose to be in a covenant
>restricted
>> area, and (more important) there are a lot of folks who hear about
>ham
>> radio, think it's neat, but can't start to get involved because
>they'd be
>> pilloried for putting up an outdoor antenna and figure it's too much
>trouble :P
>>
>> -wtf (nyar!)
>> who WILL be getting my ticket, if a) I can ever move out or b) the
>> congresscritters can be convinced to overturn CC&Rs so I can
>convince yon
>> apartment manager to "please let me put up a modest, 3ft diameter
>magnetic
>> loop antenna and a modest 23 inch tall groundplane--it'll look just
>like a
>> flower hanger, you won't even notice it--so I can participate in
>homeland
>> security and can keep the public warned in case a tornado or
>something
>> comes through, I'm 4F, let me serve my country somehow" :)
>>
>

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Date: Sat, 18 May 2002 09:04:01 -0400

From: BOB MASON <skydive@usa.net>

To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [126861] Skydiving QRP setup

Message-ID: <20020518130401.6149.qmail@cmsweb26.cms.usa.net>

Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

Since my post (yesterday) about dropping the K1, I've had several requests for more info on my WB8CAC/AP (Aero Portable) setup. Here goes, but remember, I've been falling out of perfectly good airplane for about 30 years... DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME!

The K1 has the internal battery option which even at full power gives me plenty of current for the roughly 2 to 3 minutes of operating time I get. The rig sits in a home made nylon carrying bag which is mounted with quick release hardware to the chest strap of my parachute harness. The quick release is needed if it should become necessary to get rid of the rig in the event of some sort of line entanglement during parachute deployment.

On the bottom of the bag is a pocket which the "dangling wire" antenna is stored in until I'm ready to lower it after opening. The antenna wire is very light enameled wire which is easy to break if I need to get rid of it in a hurry.

A whiterook MK-33 mini-paddle stays in the front of my jumpsuit. After lowering the antenna, I unzip the suit, take out the paddle and stick it on a velcro pad on top of the rig bag. The "Ear bud" earphone is inserted before takeoff so I don't have to take my helmet off to mess with it. Both earphone and paddle connections are with very easy to break enameled wire, also for safety reasons... I may not have time to unplug things if the gear needs to be dumped. All of the wires broke away nicely when the rig fell, proving that the wires cause no hang up problems.

I leave the keyer set for about 30 wpm due to short operating times. After completing the rig repairs, I plan to make some jumps opening the parachute up around 12,000 ft (NOT normal procedure) to get some decent amounts of

f per
jump operating time and an easier to live with speed.

Future plans also include modifying the dangling antenna with a ping-pong= ball
on the end, rather than a weight. Then I will try to deploy the antenna =
in
freefall. The ping pong ball should act as a mini drogue chute and keep =
the
antenna extended behind me. Keying will be handled by metal contacts on =
the
finger tips of my glove. freefall operating time will only be about a mi=
nute,
so any contacts I make in that fashion will have to be pre-skeded. Also =
I
have some concerns about being able to hear the receive audio over the wi=
nd
noise, even with the ear bud. So far this phase of the operation is only=
in
the planning stage.

72

Bob WB8CAC

K1 #1150, QRP-ARCI 11116, FISTS 6970, CP-35, SHOE SIZE 10 1/2
<http://web.infoave.net/~masoste/wb8cac>

Date: Sat, 18 May 2002 09:04:10 -0400
From: "ss lyon" <sslyon@megalink.net>
To: <ATRAIL@yahooogroups.com>
Cc: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126862] NH AT, Saturday... "a little iffy"
Message-ID: <003d01c1fe6c\$80cc99e0\$aac7e742@megalink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Not certain about this -but pretty sure Steve is at the bench and not on the trail. It's snowing here, 2nd time in a week, and I'm beginning to wonder about my decision to move to Maine! Of course, the snow shovels got buried under "seasonal" stuff in my never ending quest for organization around here. (note the word "quest" and not 'accomplishment')

73

AA1MY

----- Original Message -----

From: "Steven Weber" <kd1jv@moose.ncia.net>
To: <atrail@yahoogroups.com>
Cc: <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2002 5:20 PM
Subject: [ATRAIL] NH AT, Saturday or maybe Sunday

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Date: Sat, 18 May 2002 09:11:16 -0400
From: Dave Fouchey <dafouchey@comcast.net>
To: sslyon@megalink.net,
Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126863] Re: NH AT, Saturday... "a little iffy"
Message-ID: <4.1.20020518090917.009e2680@localhost>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

What no "Four Season" expeditions? Still waiting for spring to warm up HERE too, might even have to put on a jacket to cut the grass....;-) (Had frost and freeze warnings last night...)

73's
Dave
WA4EMR
Sterling Heights, MI

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>Subject: [ATRAIL] NH AT, Saturday or maybe Sunday
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>>

Date: Sat, 18 May 2002 09:20:57 -0400
From: W2AGN <w2agn@w2agn.net>
To: Rick McKee <kc8aon@juno.com>,
Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126864] Re: Reasonable Accommodation
Message-ID: <0205180920570G.11392@jsielke>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

On Saturday 18 May 2002 08:53, Rick McKee wrote:

> NOT A WASTE AT ALL ! "WHAT IF" EVERY PLACE IN AMERICA HAD CCR'S ? THEN
> NONE OF US COULD PUT UP ANTENNAS, AND IT'S THIS TYPE OF "I DON'T WANNA
> GET INVOLVED ATTITUDE" THAT LET'S THE COMMIES PUT RESTRICTIONS ON US IN
> THE FIRST PLACE ! THIS MESSAGE WAS NEITHER OT OF WASTED SPACE, BUT A
> LESSON TO US ALL - IF YOU CANT PUT UP AN ANTENNA, THEN WHAT USE IS THERE
> TO GET INVOLVE IN AMATEUR RADIO IN THE FIRST PLACE ? I FOR ONE DID NOT
> REALIZE HOW RESTRICTIVE CCR'S CAN BE SINCE I LIVE IN A VERY RURAL AREA
> WITH NO RESTRICTIONS AT ALL - THE COWS DON'T CARE HOW MUCH WIRE YOU PUT
> UP ! IT MAKES ME MAD AS HELL TO THINK THAT IN A FREE SOCIETY THAT FOLKS
> WILL LET THESE PENCIL PUSHING CROOKS SHOVE THEM AROUND AND NOT GET
> INVOLVED WITH TRYING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT ! REMEMBER, THIS IS THE
> LAND OF THE "FREE" AND THE HOME OF THE "BRAVE" AND IT TAKE GUTS AND
> COURAGE TO FIGHT FOR SOMETHING YOU BELIEVE IN ! "JUST DO IT"

>
>
> Rick McKee, KC8AON
> Willow Wood, Ohio

--

HEY! No need to yell, we're not deaf, just elderly!

John L Sielke W2AGN
w2agn@w2agn.net
<http://www.w2agn.net>

Date: Sat, 18 May 2002 09:19:01 -0400
From: BOB MASON <skydive@usa.net>
To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126865] Further on K1 Damage & keyer question
Message-ID: <20020518131901.2069.qmail@uwdvg001.cms.usa.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

Used the damaged (but working, less disply) K1 for a regular sked this morning. The keyer is acting weird. It's OK on the load resistor, but on the antenna, I get a LOT of extra unplanned dahs. Never had this before the = fall.

Must be getting RF back into the keyer somehow, possibly jarred a ground= connection somewhere. =

Anybody else run into RF induced keyer insanity on a K1? I'm new to = the keyer world, after 34 bug years. What sort of external filtering on key = lines (if any) do people add to correct this sort of thing.

In this case, I'm sure there's an internal proplem, but it would be interesting to know.

72

Bob WB8CAC
K1 #1150, QRP-ARCI 11116, FISTS 6970, CP-35, SHOE SIZE 10 1/2
<http://web.infoave.net/~masoste/wb8cac>

Date: Sat, 18 May 2002 08:30:44 -0600 (MDT)
From: <brad.mugleston@attbi.com>
To: Rod N0RC <rod@n0rc.com>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126866] Re: [CQCLIST] Anderson Power Pole connector usage
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.33.0205180826050.1765-1000000@mugleston.mugs.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

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When looking in your power supply end is the RED (positive) or BLACK (Negative) on the viewers left when the mail sections are on the botton?

I'll try some ASCII art

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  |=|||=| male
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Thanks

de KI00T, Brad

Date: Sat, 18 May 2002 14:37:55 +0000
From: Arthur Moe <kb7ww@easystreet.com>
To: jdorson@Worldshare.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126867] Re: Reasonable Accommodation
Message-ID: <3CE66743.F517D00F@easystreet.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Let's say local phone service were to go down due to a storm and their house caught on fire the ham next door or down the street might be able to contact the local fire department providing there were a local emergency net. Of course if the town is not Ham friendly there might not be a local emergency net.

Art
KB7WW

John Dorson wrote:

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>  
> What advantage to the homeowners would there be???  
>  
> John K2JHU..  
>
```

Date: Sat, 18 May 2002 10:52:53 -0400
From: W2AGN <w2agn@w2agn.net>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [126868] Silver Lining
Message-ID: <0205181052530H.11392@jsielke>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

Raining hard, cool (dropped to 47 deg from 54 this morning), AND, the bands are crummy.

BUT, the mailman just brought April QQ, Winter 2001 QRPP, and May Radcom.

All is not lost.

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John L Sielke W2AGN
w2agn@w2agn.net
<http://www.w2agn.net>

Date: Sat, 18 May 2002 10:04:55 -0500
From: Dave Sjolin <sjolin@swbell.net>
To: kc8aon@juno.com,
Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126869] Re: Reasonable Accommodation
Message-ID: <04a701c1fe7d\$5f99da10\$30dad840@DaveSjolin>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

----- Original Message -----

From: "Rick McKee" <kc8aon@juno.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Saturday, May 18, 2002 7:53 AM
Subject: Re: Reasonable Accommodation

> NOT A WASTE AT ALL ! "WHAT IF" EVERY PLACE IN AMERICA HAD CCR'S ? THEN
> NONE OF US COULD PUT UP ANTENNAS

Never happen. Besides are you that lacking in the creativity department? I used to live in a garden apartment on the ground floor of a four story

building in a large apartment complex. Despite "no antennas" in the lease I had a 130 ft stealth antenna, much of which was up 65 ft or so in the air.

Before that I lived in a high rise in Chicago and with 10 watts of FM and a three foot Ringo in the window I could work simplex stations easily over a range of 150 miles. Heck I could hit every repeater with an HT. I imagine if I had an Isotron or something small like that back in those days I could have worked loads of stations on HF as well.

When I first moved into my current ranch home, I installed a wire antenna in my BASEMENT and worked loads of stations qrp. If I can put an antenna in the basement that works, certainly you can put one in your attic?

To me its this whole CC&R thing sounds like some people want to use raw political power to make up for their lack of creative thought. Perhaps when you have recreational vehicles and boats parked in your neighbors drive way, rusted sheds in their back yard, and stockade fences erected in their front yard, then maybe you will be sorry you raised this whole issue. You are free to contract or not contract. No "commies" are making you do it. Find another community or use some creativity.

And for the person living in section 8 housing that was using that as an excuse not to get their ticket, why dont you build a station at your parents house? It sounded like they were nearby and you said your dad was into CB. Certainly he would allow you to put up an antenna. Then all you have to do is visit once in a while and you can get on the air.

73 de Dave, N0IT

Date: Sat, 18 May 2002 09:15:00 -0600
From: "Rod N0RC" <rod@n0rc.com>
To: <brad.mugleston@attbi.com>
Cc: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126870] Re: [CQCLIST] Anderson Power Pole connector usage
Message-ID: <000b01c1fe7e\$c7a92510\$6501a8c0@greyrock>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Brad,

It doesn't matter. They slide apart easily enough to switch around the few times you may need to do so.

73, Rod N0RC

----- Original Message -----

From: <brad.mugleston@attbi.com>

To: "Rod N0RC" <rod@n0rc.com>

Cc: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Sent: Saturday, May 18, 2002 8:30 AM

Subject: Re: [CQCLIST] Anderson Power Pole connector usage

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> | | | female
> |=|=|=| male

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> Thanks

>

> de KI00T, Brad

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Date: Sat, 18 May 2002 11:35:12 -0400 (EDT)

From: George Gingell <k3tks@u1.abs.net>

To: GQRP@yahoogroups.com

Cc: QRP List <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [126871] Re: [GQRP] Re: Schools on the air

Message-ID: <20020518111019.B61825-100000@u1.abs.net>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Another Quick Note.

One possible Name for the QQ Kids Column, ""QQ Kids" or "QRP Kids World"
(QRP-Kw) :^} My Favorite is "QRP World" (By Real QRPpers)

FYI- Several of the QRP Clubs over here in the USA have QRP Kids as Full Members of the Club. Many, are of Course the offspring of Parents who are Hams and QRPers as well.

Several YL's and YM' (Future OM :^} . In fact the April Issue of the QRP Quarterly Journal (2002) includes photos of two Young Men who made a very good showing at the Atlaticon QRP Forum 2002. Marcus Gwillim, Son of Dave Gwillim, KB2TQX and Benjamin Williams, KB3GOU, son of Bryan Williams, AA3WM. Another Father and Son Team Joe Stratton, W3JBS and John Stratton, AA3SL did quite well in the Code Contest. I did not get the info on the Others that were present. I am thinking that one of the YL's was from the Gwillim Clan.

If this works out, We might Syndicate the Column to "The Other Glossy Color Cover" Ham Radio Publications. :^} As with all good things, you heard it First from "QRP World" (c) 2002, K3TKS :^}

QRPP Dx Tu, (C) 2002 K3TKS

Sir George, The First :^}

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Date: Sat, 18 May 2002 09:53:12 -0600
From: "James R. Duffey" <jamesd1@flash.net>
To: qrp-l <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126872] Re: Solar Charge Controller
Message-ID: <B90BD508.15480%jamesd1@flash.net>
Mime-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

According to my web search, the 2N6017 that you have are PNP transistors, not SCRs, and will not work properly in the circuit,

The SCR used in this application is non critical. The original circuit called for a 1 amp 50 volt Radio Shack SCR. The SCR in the charging circuit will only see 100 microamperes at a few volts, and can be nearly any SCR.

I am not sure that the charger you reference is a good choice for controlling solar panels. The relatively high drop out voltage of the LM317 could cause a problem, as could inadequate current from the solar panel when the sky is cloudy.

For simple solar regulation a shunt regulator is attractive as there is no voltage drop in the controller to waste power when charging. There is a schematic for a simple one in the "QRP Power" book.

Also, if you are using the solar panel/battery in a temporary setup, a sophisticated charge controller isn't really necessary. I charge my gel cell in the field using a solar panel and limiting the charge voltage to the gel cell with a 15 volt zener across the battery terminals. This works best when you start with a fully charged battery, and the output of the solar cell is roughly equal to the average draw of the rig, but the whole setup is simple and non critical.

I am glad to see somebody is building the charger circuit. I originally copied the circuit from a July 1987 Sky and Telescope article. It is a dandy, and shows what can be with simple available parts. - Dr. Megacycle
KK6MC/5

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James R. Duffey KK6MC/5
Cedar Crest, NM DM65

Date: Sat, 18 May 2002 11:55:46 -0400
From: "David J. Porter" <aa3ur@comcast.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126873] RE: [CQCLIST] Anderson Power Pole connector usage

Message-ID: <LMBBLNBEMDEIDFMJMAOEMEBGCKAA.aa3ur@comcast.net>

MIME-version: 1.0

Content-type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1

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Yes, but it is a pain to re-configure. FWIW, looking into the connector end, as opposed to the wire end, with the connectors on the bottom, the red (positive) connector on mine is the left one. I may be the only one out there like this, but there is at least a 50/50 chance. I think I got this from carefully studying the pictures that were referred to by others when the topic came up the first time. I don't remember where I saw them, but I think the article had something to do with a "new standard" for emergency power connections.

As Rod said, it is easy enough to re-configure if necessary.

Dave AA3UR

-----Original Message-----

From: owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU [mailto:owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU] On Behalf Of Rod N0RC

Sent: Saturday, May 18, 2002 11:15 AM

To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion

Subject: Re: [CQCLIST] Anderson Power Pole connector usage

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Date: Sat, 18 May 2002 10:55:36 -0500

From: bob evinger <wd9eka@evinger.com>

To: sjolin@swbell.net

Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [126874] Re: Reasonable Accommodation

Message-ID: <3CE67978.1090706@evinger.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0

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Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

And just what is wrong with someone having an RV or a boat parked in their driveway? I have known people that had goldwings that even though they had garages at their house, had to rent a garage away from their home because of restrictions like that, they couldnt even ride their motorcycles in the subdivision at all. There is a subdivision in a town nearby that wont even let you park your car outside your garage except for very short periods and "no working on your car in the driveway". God forbid someone want to put up an antenna. Oh and they have a mailbox standard, they dont want anybody having one that is bigger or fancier than anybody else. The whole concept grates on my nerves and the unfortunate part is I can see the perspective of both sides and think that some groups and people stretch the rubberband a little too far on what they want to allow or restrict, all it makes me think is "Seig Heil".

I work in that town, I grew up in that county. I moved across the state line because the property owners/developers over there price the land like anybody that wants to buy more than about 1 1/2 acres is going to subdivided it and build a development. I have 24 acres out in the boondocks in a county that has maybe a total population of 70,000(the

pop of the "other" town). At least for the moment there are none of the zoning crap that goes on across the state line. I put up 2 towers, one has a 300 watt wind generator the other has an 11 element 2 meter beam and a 5 element 6 meter. all my HF antennas are wire at the moment and the one that gets used the most is a center fed 500 foot long wire. The bulk of the property I kept in crop production and intend on maintaining it that way(though with 10 inches of rain in the first 2 weeks of this month I dont know that it will get planted this year). This is a farming community I dont want to see it turned into something like the neighboring state.

Basically 2 of the main reasons I moved over here were that I had my choice of trying to find an overpriced acre(which I wouldnt be able to fly off of) and would barely have room for an antenna. Or finding an overpriced old delapidated farm house that I wouldnt be able to afford to fix up. I made my choice and moved over here. I dont regret it, the commute isn't really any longer and the hospitality of the county is much more amiable. I grew up and always lived in very rural settings. Guess I have the daniel boone mentality. I get feeling real jittery when you can throw a baseball and hit another house.

The only real problem related to this county are its ESDA director, ARES EC and assistant EC are worthless but that is another story in itself.

Now can we please get back to real radio.

bob

Dave Sjolin wrote:

> To me its this whole CC&R thing sounds like some people want to use raw
> political power to make up for their lack of creative thought. Perhaps when
> you have recreational vehicles and boats parked in your neighbors drive way,
> rusted sheds in their back yard, and stockade fences erected in their front
> yard, then maybe you will be sorry you raised this whole issue. You are free
> to contract or not contract. No "commies" are making you do it. Find another
> community or use some creativity.
> 73 de Dave, N0IT
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Bob Evinger WD9EKA/AAR5MG(Army MARS operator)

If Guns Cause Crime, Then Matches Cause Arson.

Date: Sat, 18 May 2002 16:19:52 +0000
From: Larry Cahoon <lejek@erols.com>
To: brad.mugleston@attbi.com, aa3ur@comcast.net,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126875] RE: [CQCLIST] Anderson Power Pole connector usage
Message-ID: <5.1.0.14.0.20020518161749.02671ec8@pop.erols.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

I follow the image at <http://www.powerwerx.com/assembly.html>

I figure that way I'm more likely to be consistent with everyone else.

73 de Larry.....WD3P in MD
<http://www.wd3p.net/>

At 11:55 AM 5/18/2002 -0400, David J. Porter wrote:

>Yes, but it is a pain to re-configure. FWIW, looking into the connector
>end, as opposed to the wire end, with the connectors on the bottom, the red
>(positive) connector on mine is the left one. I may be the only one out
>there like this, but there is at least a 50/50 chance. I think I got this
>from carefully studying the pictures that were referred to by others when
>the topic came up the first time. I don't remember where I saw them, but I
>think the article had something to do with a "new standard" for emergency
>power connections.

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>As Rod said, it is easy enough to re-configure if necessary.

>

>Dave AA3UR

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>-----Original Message-----

>From: owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU [mailto:owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU]On Behalf Of Rod
>N0RC

>Sent: Saturday, May 18, 2002 11:15 AM

>To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion

>Subject: Re: [CQCLIST] Anderson Power Pole connector usage

>

>Brad,

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>It doesn't matter. They slide apart easily enough to switch around
>the few times you may need to do so.

>

>73, Rod N0RC

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>----- Original Message -----
>From: <brad.mugleston@attbi.com>
>To: "Rod N0RC" <rod@n0rc.com>
>Cc: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
>Sent: Saturday, May 18, 2002 8:30 AM
>Subject: Re: [CQCLIST] Anderson Power Pole connector usage
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>
> > OK, I ordered some Power Poles (MCM Sale). They look great and
>lots of
> > ways to build them. If I'm going to be able to mate mine with
>yours what
> > is everone using for a configuration?
> >
> > When looking in your power supply end is the RED (positive) or
>BLACK
> > (Negative) on the viewers left when the mail sections are on the
>botton?
> >
> > I'll try some ASCII art
> >
> > --- ---
> > | | | | female
> > |==|==| male
> >
> > Thanks
> >
> > de KI00T, Brad
> >
> >

Date: Sat, 18 May 2002 12:53:12 -0400
From: "John Dorson" <jdorson@Worldshare.net>
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126876] fs: lm-380 amp.kit
Message-ID: <000801c1fe8c\$844d0080\$962cf343@atwork>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Contains pc board and all board mounted parts. You supply vol.ctl., speaker
battery/input/output connectors.

\$11.00 shipped in cont. USA.

John K2JHU...
Melbourne Beach, FL
jdorson@worldshare.net
FISTS 8637

Date: Sat, 18 May 2002 12:09:20 -0500
From: "Jeff Davis" <n9avg@att.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126877] DSW Info from FDIM
Message-ID: <007301c1fe8e\$c14f85f0\$9800a8c0@N9AVG>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Folks.

Several have asked about the next generation DSW. I just now was able to upload a picture that I snapped at the Vendor's Night event in the FDIM hotel. Dave Benson had a flyer that was under plastic so there is some glare, but you can clearly read the info. This is all the info that I could glean. Dave says it is going to happen and his flyer says, "On The Horizon". Notice the NEW features not available in the original DSW.

Check it out here:

<http://n9avg.home.att.net/img/newdsw.jpg>

More pics to come when I get home.

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Jeff, N9AVG
<http://www.qsl.net/n9avg/>

Date: Sat, 18 May 2002 12:26:31 -0500
From: "Jeff Davis" <n9avg@att.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126878] FT-897 Flyer

Message-ID: <000901c1fe91\$277cd510\$9800a8c0@N9AVG>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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<http://n9avg.home.att.net/img/ft897flyer.jpg>

72,
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Jeff, N9AVG

Date: Sat, 18 May 2002 12:56:45 -0500
From: Marcus C Leatham <leatham1@juno.com>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [126879] BEACONet^31
Message-ID: <20020518.125645.780.1.leatham1@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hey-

June QST, p. 37: a neat article about using PSK31 as a beacon for collecting propagation info. I decided to try it.
28.131 USB + 1500 Hz PSK Audio
Look for my beacon:

FOR INFO HTTP://GO.TO/BEACONET
KR5N>HY0E02-15: DE KR5N [EM13NC] ^BC83

So far, I have only copied CT1EKD and N7YG and I hope to see a lot more signals soon!

The web page has enough info to get you up and going. There are two pieces of software, a PSK31 server and a UI-View client. Received frames pass a CRC test and use the grid square to display on a map. The PSK receiver scans for

off-frequency transmissions and uses AFC. It's a lot like APRS adapted to PSK. I hope others will get interested enough to try it out.

73

Marcus KR5N

Date: Sat, 18 May 2002 14:08:33 -0400
From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
To: <n9avg@att.net>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126880] Re: FT-897 Flyer
Message-ID: <00bf01c1fe97\$088d9da0\$0200a8c0@charter.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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But I notice on your scan 'transverter jack'!

Hmm, I also notice it seems to have a 'voltmeter' display for input voltage.

Is that on the 817 too?

Mike

----- Original Message -----

From: "Jeff Davis" <n9avg@att.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Saturday, May 18, 2002 1:26 PM
Subject: FT-897 Flyer

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> 72,
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> Jeff, N9AVG
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Date: Sat, 18 May 2002 14:52:38 -0400
From: Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
To: unlisted-recipients;; (no To-header on input)
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126881] Re: Reasonable Accommodation
Message-ID: <3CE6A2F6.ACDB1ACE@erols.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

It seems that at this time a friend of mine in Holland is fighting local restrictions so he can erect a small tower. Holland is perhaps the most congested country in the western world. They have restrictions on everything, they would have them on the air you breathe if they thought they could get away with them

But there is a difference in how the restrictions are applied over there. They are part of your residence permit and administered by the local city hall. In order to put up a tower he essentially has to get a zoning permit. He has applied for this and is awaiting the results.

When I lived over there, there were not so many restrictions. I had a 10 meter pole attached to the side of my house that supported a variety of antennas. There was never any problem with wire antennas. Perhaps this local control of building restrictions works better than Homeowner's Associations!

73

Date: Sat, 18 May 2002 13:45:53 -0400
From: Steven Weber <kd1jv@moose.ncia.net>
To: ATRAIL@yahoogroups.com
Cc: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [126882] Re: [ATRIL] NH AT, Saturday... "a little iffy"
Message-ID: <3.0.6.32.20020518134553.007ae8c0@mailhost.ncia.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

>Not certain about this -but pretty sure Steve is at the bench and not on the
>trail. It's snowing here, 2nd time in a week..

Actually, I was in bed as there was no good reason to get out of it this morning! Starting to clear now, but still pretty raw out. No snow here, but don't doubt it at the higher elevations. Should be a nicer day tomorrow, though a bit chilly. I'll post another message if I decide to head out tomorrow.

72,
Steve, KD1JV
"Melt Solder"
White Mountains of New Hampshire
<http://www.qsl.net/kd1jv/>

Date: Sat, 18 May 2002 14:54:02 EDT
From: IamSF5@aol.com
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [126883] Re: diode question
Message-ID: <3a.26f67ba1.2a17fd4a@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi Gang,
Many thanks to all who responded to my question on the diode for the auto A/C control board.
Couldn't figure out why the diode fried causing the fuse to blow.
Thought it was supposed to work the other way around
Was not able to get on from the Honda dealer but a fast trip to the junk yard and a \$10.00 bill got me the whole board.
Everything is cooling as it should.
Again thanks to all who took the time giving advice and some info on the clutch surge.
73
Bob
AF2Qrp <tm>

Date: Sat, 18 May 2002 11:56:35 -0700
From: "Trung Q. Nguyen" <viethoc@dslextrême.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [126884] FS: QRP rigs and accessories
Message-ID: <3CE6A3E3.EE39B42@dslextrreme.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Dear everyone:

I have purchased TOO many rigs and accessories from this list and others in the last several months/years. It's time to sell them because I can not use them all.

Asking price includes shipping in the 48 states only. Any other offer is definitely appreciated and considered. The list is as follows:

1. DSW-40 \$140.00 shipped
2. NorCal 20, \$110 shipped
3. OHR 100 20m \$110 shipped
4. SW+ 40 \$85 shipped
5. SW+ 20 (unbuilt kit) \$90 shipped
6. Vibroplex Original Deluxe key, Chrome, serial no. 191233 (about 1955) \$135 shipped
7. JIR NIR-10 DSP for noise reduction and filtering \$80 shipped
8. MFJ-971, Portable Antenna Tuner, with power supply \$85 shipped
9. SMK-1 with NJQRP enclosure (unbuilt kit) B0

Thank you for the bandwidth.

73,

Trung Nguyen, W6AH
Irvine, CA 92604

Date: Sat, 18 May 2002 14:54:45 -0400
From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
To: <kd1jv@moose.ncia.net>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126885] Re: [ATRAIL] NH AT, Saturday... "a little iffy"
Message-ID: <008f01c1fe9d\$8a560ba0\$0200a8c0@charter.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
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It was snowing here in Mass as far south as Shrewsbury. It went to 33 by noon, but now it's up to 35 south near the RI border. Northern areas

got a lot of snow from what I heard.

Mike

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Date: Sat, 18 May 2002 14:58:22 -0400
From: Gary Halpern <gary.halpern@sympatico.ca>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126886] FT-897
Message-ID: <3CE6A44E.46BE3D4C@sympatico.ca>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

There is an ad at <http://www.rys.nl/ft897.htm> noting that power consumption on receive can go to a modest 2A.

Gary
VA3GH

Date: Sat, 18 May 2002 15:10:56 -0400
From: Jimmy Lee <jrlaudio@bellsouth.net>
To: gary.halpern@sympatico.ca
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126887] Re: FT-897
Message-ID: <3CE6A73F.42E3199@bellsouth.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Kind of hard on the old battery.
Jim, AE4DT

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> VA3GH

Date: Sat, 18 May 2002 12:19:34 -0700
From: Steve Smith <sigcom@juno.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [126888] Re: [CQCLIST] Anderson Power Pole connector usage
Message-ID: <20020518.121934.3764.0.sigcom@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Larry and group,

FWIW, the E.F. Johnson Co. has built more two-way radios than anyone else in the world using the Anderson Power Pole style connectors. The convention they use/used is the same as on the Powerwerx site. Also, EFJ supplied the 2-conductor connector body as one piece eliminating any problem of the assembly coming apart.

73.....Steve Smith, WB6TNL
Oxnard, CA USA
"Snort Rosin"

On Sat, 18 May 2002 16:19:52 +0000 Larry Cahoon <lejek@erols.com> writes:
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Date: Sat, 18 May 2002 13:54:25 -0600 (MDT)
From: "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
To: Mike Yetsko <myetsko@insydesw.com>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126889] Re: FT-897 Flyer
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.44.0205181353060.3444-100000@Daisy.dog>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Yes Mike, the 817 has a voltmeter which it displays at turn-on and on command and just before quitting when your battery is about dead.

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> > --
> > Jeff, N9AVG
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Yours Truly,

- Karl F. Larsen, k5di@arrl.net (505) 524-3303 -
<http://www.zianet.com/k5di/>

Date: Sat, 18 May 2002 14:07:04 -0600 (MDT)
From: "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
To: Jeff Davis <n9avg@att.net>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126890] Re: FT-897 Flyer
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.44.0205181400430.3444-100000@Daisy.dog>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Hi Jeff, as a FT-817 owner I see what the deal is: It's an 817 in a bigger box with a 100 watt amp. As a QRP operator I have no need for that. I hope they didn't change the CAT system between this and the 817 so Simon Brown's software will work with it.

When I get the kit built I will have Virgil Stamps 35 watt amp for the 817.

Notice that the Collins Mechanical filters are extra cost, just like the 817....

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